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to rule him.

Like aristocracies everywhere, the

Federalists were thrown into a state

by the rise of the Jeffersonian democ-

racy in our yet aristocratic republic.

In their alarm they frantically rushed

through congress the alien and sedi-

tion acts, which became only mill-

stones about their necks, sinking their

party forever. Not satisfied with

shutting the revolution out of the New

World, many of them were for join-

in the Old World. In an uproarious

quarrel with the absurd French direc-

tory, the militia was called out and

Washington summoned to command it,

after which the president astonished

the jingoes by suddenly throwing them

over and returning to a pacific policy.

As he had been the first minister

to England, John Adams was also the

first president to take up his residence

been the wife of the first American

envoy in London she was also the first

mistress of the White House, if for

only a few months. On the way from

Philadelphia she and the president lost their trail in the wilderness until

out of a desolate bog, far off, the un-

finished White House rose to view.

There was neither a fence nor a tree

about the structure, and the presi-

dent's nearest neighbor dwelt half a

mile away. Mrs. Adams had a hard

time to get wood enough to keep her

family warm in the big, bleak man-

sion, and she smiles at us still as her

letters tell us of how she hung her

washing to dry in the great east room.

After sitting at his desk until mid-

out of Washington at the dawning of

the day of Jefferson's inauguration.

triumph of his rival, and few enough

to light his own pathway, through his

After his brave, good helpmeet had

the White House. At ninety, as he

Fourth of July, we are to'd that his

thoughts turned to the first and most

mured "Thomas Jefferson still sur-

vives." The author of the Declaration

were strangely united again.

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1788-John Adams elected vice

president. 1792-Re-elected vice president.

1796-Elected president. 1797-Inaugurated second president, aged 61. 1800 Concluded peace with France. Defeated for second term by Jefferson.

1820-Member of Massachusetts constitutional convention. 1826-July 4, died, aged 90.

DROBABLY John Adams was the unhappiest man who ever sat in dred and fifty years before it broke the presidential chair. One of a dozen unwanted presidents, who were taken only because the men that were wanted could not be elected, this humble role embittered all the remaining days of the proudest man in the line of our chief magistrates.

It was hard enough for Adams to be the understudy even of George Washington, while serving as vice president. When he became president it was maddening to his ego that he should be expected to play second fiddle to Alexander Hamilton, the master spirit of the old governing class, left over from colonial times and which controlled the Federalist party. The president made the fatal mis-



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JOHN ADAMS AND ABBY

1735-Oct. 19, John Adams born,

Braintree, Mass.

1764-Married.

into fame.

1774-77-In Congress.

1755-Graduated at Harvard.

1775-85-On Mission to France.

SCHOOLGIRL complained that

American history was so "littered

up with Adamses" that she couldn't

tell one from the other. Yet this most

distinguished family in our national biography lived in America one hun-

When the engagement was an-

nounced of John Adams of Braintree,

Mass., to the daughter of Parson

Smith of the adjoining town of Wey-

mouth, people were shocked that Abby

should marry so beneath her station.

Was she not a Quincy and a Norton?

And John, the son of a small farmer,

was put down to fourteenth place among his twenty-four classmates,

when Harvard catalogues were made

up according to social rank. After

that he taught school in Worcester to

get enough money to study law, and

the strictest of the Puritans looked

on lawyers as ungodly.

1785-88-Minister to England.

Abigail Adams.

which really had passed under the his gossiping parishioners from this control of Hamilton, who presumed to well-chosen text: "John came neither direct the new administration, very eating bread nor drinking wine, and much as a Tammany boss puts a Tam- | ye say he hath a devil!"

many mayor through his paces. As Although she never went to school, Adams never had succeeded in ruling this parson's daughter was by long himself it was impossible for another odds the cleverest in the entire line of our president's wives, her published letters forming a delightfully human document in our too often unhuman of panic by the French revolution and history. When John joined the fathers of the republic in the great work of setting up the most masculine government the world ever saw, this mother of the republic had to stay home to rock the cradle, cook and patch for four little Adamses and to tend the farm. Milking and churning, knitting and darning, teaching and praying, toiling and saving, she supported the ing the monarchical coalition against it | family, inspired her husband in his progress to the presidency, and reared a son to follow in the father's footsteps. To Abigail Adams alone belongs the glory of having been the wife of one president and the mother of

In the war, it fell to Adams to do picket duty in Europe. Congress sent him to France with a thoughtful warning to put in the bottom of his disin Washington. As Mrs. Adams had patch bag plenty of lead or stone or other weighty substance to sink his papers. For his own neck no protection was proposed in event of the British capturing a signer of the rebel manifesto of July 4, 1776. Nevertheless, he took with him on the perilous trip his ten-year-old son, John Quincy.

a "straggling black" came to their as-On the next voyage, he carried not The capitol was yet unfinished, and only John Quincy, but also his second son, and they were shipwrecked off the

coast of Spain. After five long, anxious years of separation from husband and children, the mother herself sailed to Europe, and the pioneer American woman to appear at the Court of St. James was Ablgail, the farmerette of Braintree. Her presentation costume, according to her own description, was white lutestring "covered with white crepe, festooned with lilac ribbon and mocknight hastily signing appointments, to point lace, over a hoop of enormous forestall his successor, Adams drove extent, and with a narrow train three yards long; also ruffle cuffs, treble lace ruffles and dress cap, with long He had no smiles to bestow on the lace lappets and two white plumes."

"You will be stared at a great deal," the Duke of Dorset kindly warned the Adamses. On the contrary, every back in the court circle was turned upon been taken from him, he lived on the Yankee rebels and Queen Charlotte eight years more, lived to see what no received Abigail with "contempt and

other ex-president has seen, a son in scorn." A man can defend himself always, lay dving in the sunset of the fiftieth as Abigail's husband did right manfully when it fell to him to be the first independent American to stand before glorious Fourth and that his lips mur- the throne of England. George III venturing to infer from his supposed dislike of France, a preference for really had died a few hours before, England, his ene-time subject frankly and in their flight from earth the corrected the king: "I must avow to spirits of the two old patriots of '76 your majesty that I have no attachment but to my own country."





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